



Ms. Marianne Bethard and Ms. Yolanda Dooley, both from the Air Warfare Center, put the final touches on the Center's Christmas Tree. See the commanders' holiday messages on Pages 2 and 3.



Leaders send holiday greetings to Team Nellis

By Gen. Henry Shelton
chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

As we approach the New Year, we celebrate the spirit of the season and reflect on the blessings we enjoy as Americans. A nation at peace, the freedom to pursue dreams, and the promise of a safe, secure future – these are the blessings built on the sacrifice, dedication and commitment of you – our soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, coastguardsmen and DOD civilians. You remain on duty throughout the holidays – guarding freedom's frontiers with unrelenting vigilance.

During this special season, our thoughts and prayers go out to all who serve—especially those serving far from home, performing difficult, even dangerous missions, apart from family and loved ones. Each of you is a national treasure – a bright and shining light illuminating the spirit of peace and hope. The difference you make is not measured in the abstract but in the lives you help and protect.

From my family to yours—Carolyn and I wish each of you a joyous holiday and a Happy New Year.

By F. Whitten Peters,
secretary of the Air Force,
and Gen. Michael Ryan, Air
Force chief of staff

The year 2000 is rapidly drawing to a close and as they have for so many years, America's airmen are proudly and professionally performing vital missions all around the globe and here at home. From the Balkans to Southwest Asia...from East Timor to Mozambique...from the missile silos in North Dakota to the training fields of Texas, and in more than 150 nations this year, America's Air Force – regular, reserve, guard and civilian – serves faithfully, providing security for our nation and defending its freedoms. You, America's airmen, are the foundation of our force...smart, sharp, loyal and tough. No one comes close.

This holiday season gives us time to pause and reflect. First in our minds is a deep and abiding sense of appreciation for the service and sacrifice that you and your families make. We are proud and honored to serve with you. We wish you and yours the happiest of holidays and the very best in the New Year.

By Gen. John P. Jumper
Air Combat Command commander

During this holiday season we are once again reminded of how fortunate we are to serve our nation with airmen who represent the pride, honor and commitment of our Air Force.



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Holidays spent overseas and stateside with my own, and extended, Air Force families have produced many fond memories. Those memories have reinforced the strong sense of teamwork and commitment we have throughout Air Combat Command and the Air Force. The holiday season emphasizes the selflessness of those people who defend our country and help foster peace all over the globe.

I am honored to lead the ACC team and I truly appreciate all that you do. Please take the time this busy season to express your appreciation to those most important people in your lives – look for opportunities to say “thank you” to your families for being there to support you and our mission.

As we look into the New Year, let's re-commit ourselves to continue to provide the world's greatest airpower to America, and be grateful for the team we have both at work and at home to accomplish that job.

I thank my family for all the support they've given me and I thank you for serving in our Air Force.

Happy holidays and a joyous New Year from the Jumper family.

By Maj. Gen. L.D. Johnston
commander Air Warfare Center

It seems like we began the year 2000 just a few weeks ago. However, neither time nor the Air Warfare Center and Nellis Air Force Base are standing still.

We have accomplished a lot this year. We have trained several thousand aircrews to fight and win a high-intensity air conflict. We have continued the high pace of operational test and evaluation, and our tactics development has kept ahead of the ever-changing threat.

To do all this, we have worked long and hard. Many of us have spent months away from our loved ones. Unfortunately, some of us will spend the upcoming holidays in far-away places. Next year will not be different. It is because of your hard work and dedication that we have the best Air Force in the world. Without you, there would not be “Peace on Earth.”

As we celebrate this holiday season, please be safe. Spend quality time with your families and friends. Drop a few lines to our co-workers who will spend the holidays overseas.

I am proud to be serving with such outstanding men and women as you. Sherri, Richard and I wish you and yours a joyous holiday season.

By Brig. Gen. David Moody
57th Wing commander

As we approach the upcoming holidays and the end of the first year of this new millennium, each of you should be proud of the accomplishments we have achieved. From successful Red Flag and Air Warrior exercises to the intensity of the USAF Weapons School Mission Employment Phases, we have met our training objectives effectively, and most of all safely.



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TriCare senior pharmacy benefit details announced

Beneficiaries 65 and older will receive pharmacy benefits beginning April 1

The Department of Defense has announced that April 1 uniformed services beneficiaries 65 years of age and older will begin receiving pharmacy benefits provided by the 2001 National Defense Authorization Act. An estimated 1.4 million beneficiaries are eligible for the benefit.

Accessibility

The new program will limit out-of-pocket costs and increase access to the National Mail Order Program and retail pharmacies that are part of the Department of Defense network, which includes many major chain drug stores. In addition, beneficiaries may use non-network retail pharmacies.

"Drug therapy for many of our older retired servicemembers is one of their greatest and most costly medical needs. This is a comprehensive drug benefit that makes pharmacy care accessible and affordable. This expanded benefit should contribute significantly to their quality of life," stated Dr. J. Jarrett Clinton, acting assistant secretary of Defense

for Health Affairs.

Fees

Beneficiaries who are 65 and older will not pay enrollment fees or annual premiums for their TriCare pharmacy benefits, but they will pay modest co-pays when they use NMOP and retail network pharmacies. In addition, beneficiaries will also be able to use non-network pharmacies, but this option will entail a slightly higher co-pay and deductible. In the past, only those beneficiaries who were eligible for Base Realignment and Closure benefits and the Pharmacy Redesign Pilot Program were able to enjoy modest out-of-pocket costs through the NMOP and retail pharmacy network. The BRAC pharmacy benefit and the Pharmacy Redesign Pilot Program are replaced by the new program.

Eligibility

By law, to use the TriCare retail and mail order benefit, beneficiaries age 65 and over must be eligible for Medicare Part A

and enrolled in Part B. There is an exception: Those who turn 65 before April 1, 2001, are eligible for the benefit, even if they are not enrolled in Medicare Part B.

Effective Oct. 1, Medicare-eligible military beneficiaries become eligible for all other TriCare benefits. The law requires that all Medicare-eligible beneficiaries, regardless of age, must be enrolled in Medicare Part B to receive the other TriCare benefits; and they are advised to enroll in Part B as soon as they are eligible. The annual open season for enrollment in Medicare Part B is Jan. 1 through March 31. Information about Medicare enrollment is available at local Social Security Administration offices, or on the Medicare Web site at www.medicare.gov/Basics/Overview.asp.

Claims

Retired beneficiaries living overseas can use their TriCare benefit at overseas pharmacies, but they will need to submit their pharmacy claims for reimbursement. They also will be able to utilize the NMOP, if certain requirements are met. Federal and state legal restrictions apply to the prescribing, dispensing and mailing of prescription drugs, so the NMOP can only mail to APOs and FPOs, which are part of the U.S. Postal Service. Also, the NMOP can only fill prescriptions written by providers licensed to practice in the United States.

The NMOP offers the largest discount to DoD beneficiaries. It is convenient for filling prescriptions for chronic conditions like high blood pressure or diabetes. The retail network pharmacy program can be used for short-term, immediate use medications. Lists of TriCare network pharmacies will be available from regional TriCare contractors. Beneficiaries who use non-network pharmacies will have to meet an annual deductible, incur a higher co-pay, and pay the entire bill up front, and then file a claim for appropriate reimbursement.



Record updates

One of the most important steps eligible beneficiaries can take to be sure they can use the expanded pharmacy benefit is to update their Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System record with their correct address and any changes in family status, such as marriage, divorce, birth or adoption.

Eligible beneficiaries may update their addresses in DEERS in a number of ways: By visiting local personnel offices that have an ID card facility; by calling the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office Telephone Center at 800-538-9552 (the best time to call the Telephone Center is Wednesday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Pacific Time to avoid delays); by faxing changes to (831) 655-8317; by mailing the change information to the DSO, Attn: COA, 400 Gigling Road, Seaside, CA 93955-6771; by visiting a military treatment facility or by e-mailing information to addrinfo@osd.pentagon.mil.

Include the sponsor's name and social security number, name(s) of other family members affected by the address change, effective date of address information, and telephone number (to include area code), if available. Internet users should use all lowercase letters because some e-mail systems are case sensitive.

To change information in DEERS other than address data, beneficiaries may visit an ID card facility, or mail or fax changes with appropriate documentation to the address or fax numbers provided above. For beneficiaries to learn what documentation is required, they should contact the nearest military ID card facility.

Editor's note: Information provided by Air Force News Service.

Messages

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The Thunderbirds completed an extremely successful show season, including a European tour that showcased 57th Wing efforts on a worldwide stage. A special thanks goes out to the maintenance and support personnel for making it happen throughout the year. Especially significant is the fact that we accomplished these feats during one of the most intensive runway and airfield construction projects in Nellis AFB history. We salute you for the tremendous effort and look forward to the New Year that will undoubtedly bring us new and exciting challenges. Please take time to enjoy family and friends during the upcoming holidays. Marion and I wish you a peaceful, blessed, and joyous holiday season.

Col. Del Eulberg
Commander 99th Air Base Wing

As we enter the holiday season, please take a moment with family and friends to reflect on the many blessings of this past year. This is a time to celebrate faith and although some of you may be separated from loved ones serving in deployed locations, they know that you and Team Nellis have them in our prayers.

Karen and I would also like to express our gratitude for your dedication and service to our Air Force and great country. Every one of you should be proud of the many accomplishments of Team Nellis this past year.

Karen and I wish you a joyous and safe holiday season and also good luck and prosperity for 2001.



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Col. Del Eulberg 99th Air Base Wing commander

Nellis' Action Line is your direct line to the 99th Air Base Wing commander, Col. Del Eulberg. If you have worked through normal channels and are not satisfied with the answer, the Action Line is your opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions about the subjects of concern to the Nellis community.

Please leave your name and phone number in case more specific information is required. You may also use our e-mail at: commander.action@nellis.af.mil. Action Lines of general interest will be published in the Bullseye; others will be answered by phone. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to solve a problem is to talk directly to the office that is responsible. This gives them a chance to help you and perhaps improve the process.

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Photos By Airman 1st Class James May III

Adopt a family

Master Sgt. Sherril Stewart, 896th Munitions Support Squadron, inventories the gifts for Adopt-a-Family. Each year the Nellis community supports the Adopt-a-Family program, where anonymous families are adopted during the holiday season by units and individuals on base. Families are given a general profile to include children's ages and genders, to avoid giving the wrong gift. For more information, contact your first sergeant.



Birth announcement

Nov. 1

Paris Alexandra, 7 lbs. 6 oz.,
daughter of Capt. Veronica
and Capt. Malcom Kemeny





Mishap prevention program provides safe environment



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi

**By Chief Master Sergeant F.J. Milligan
Air Warfare Center Safety Manager**

When you hear the term AWFC, you normally associate it with two more terms – unique and busy. Then you wonder how we manage to do business so well with such a high operations tempo. A key factor in our ability to perform our mission superbly is a safe, healthy work environment. This environment is

established and sustained by an aggressive mishap prevention program. In fact, a vibrant mishap prevention program acts as a force multiplier, preserving our precious assets, people and resources.

Safety, like any other process or military operation, doesn't just happen. Any successful process requires a plan to achieve the desired goal. Here are the ways we do it so well within the AWFC:

Balance – In every operation, we balance the possibility and the consequences of mishaps with the objective of the operation. AWFC has implemented this balance process through the effective use of operational risk management – a tool that allows commanders and personnel at all levels to make precise decisions to balance risk with readiness or productivity. In our flight world, commanders, pilots and maintenance crews all assess whether the risk posed by weather, crew fatigue, crew training and other factors are worth accepting in order to complete

training events, search and rescue or other mission objectives.

Planning – We plan for success by matching resources to the tasking. It is a leader's responsibility to ensure that his or her people have the resources and training necessary to accomplish their assigned task. Extending people beyond their resources, training or ability, is a plan destined to fail. When occasional mishaps do occur within the AWFC, we take actions to learn as many lessons as possible, and we update and change our plan as necessary. Our weapons and range operations have a low number of mishaps, in spite of complex and high-risk missions. Why? Because each operation has a well-defined plan that is updated regularly.

Execution – Mishaps are usually the result of poor mission execution. The best plan does no good if it is not used or is outdated. Our weapons storage unit carries an impeccable safety record that is due to strict adherence to plans with no tolerance for deviations.

Teamwork – This is where our ground operations come together. We work as a team and back each other up. Most mishaps in all safety disciplines are caused by human factors. Ground safety has embraced personal risk management and is instituting this concept to control off-duty mishaps and teach teamwork. We want to help each other on and off duty. It's that simple.

Leadership – The true "chiefs of safety" are our commanders and leaders at every level. These positions are not just functional activities – they are leadership responsibilities. Leaders must involve everyone in planning and execution. If everyone is involved with a plan's formulation, they will understand what they're accomplishing and can aggressively, but safely execute the plan.

The Air Warfare Center will continue to work hard to improve the safety of all aspects of our operations. Our commitment to succeed in the vital areas is second to none!



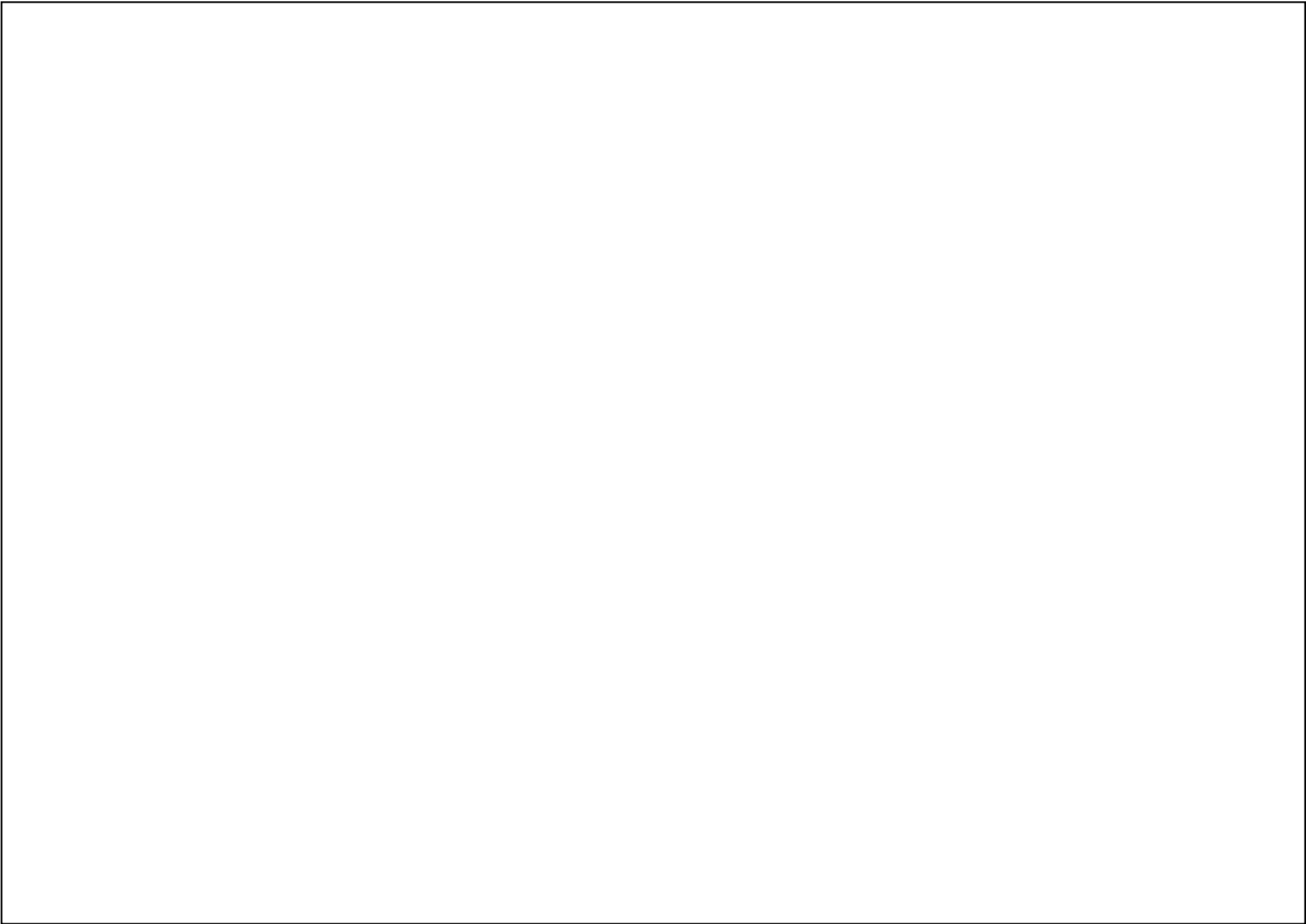
Gone in 60 seconds: holiday tree fires can burn out of control in just one minute

By Mr. Willie Clark
99th Civil Engineers Squadron

One of the most combustible Christmas decorations is the ordinary Christmas tree. Fire tests conducted on spruce, fir, cedar and pine trees demonstrated that such trees require, on the average, less than 60 seconds to ignite and flame out of control. From these tests it can be readily understood why fires involving Christmas trees frequently spread rapidly to nearby combustibles, resulting in severe damage or loss of life. To help prevent this from happening to any members of the Nellis family, the following general safety measures are suggested:

- Obtain a fresh tree which has been stored outdoors and keep it outdoors until actually needed. Cut off the end of the trunk diagonally at least one inch above the original cut. Immediately stand the tree in a container of water. Be sure the tree is well supported and located away from fireplaces, radiators, stoves, radio and television sets or other sources of heat.
- Ensure that all decorative lights are turned off before retiring for the night or departing the house for an extended period of time.
- Inspect the tree frequently to see if any of the needles near the lights have started to turn brown, or if they are beginning to fall. If they are, remove the tree from the house.
- Mixing and matching lights can create a fire hazard, so keep outside lights outside and inside lights inside. Examine lights before hanging. Remember to unplug all decorations inside and outside the house before leaving or going to bed.
- If you celebrate with candles use extreme care. Place candles in holders that will not tip. Extinguish all candles before leaving home or going to sleep. Never place lit candles on the tree
- Use smoke detectors and keep fire extinguishers handy. If you don't have these essential lifesaving devices, put them at

the top of your shopping list. When the holidays are over, take the tree outside as soon as possible. Never burn it. Recycle or discard the tree according to our city or county regulations. If considering use of an artificial tree, be aware that even flame-resistant artificial trees can catch fire – especially if they have dust buildup on them. Wash artificial trees each year and store the parts in storage bags. Important: To keep a tree from being knocked over, set it up out of high-traffic areas and where it does not block entrances or exits. Let's make every effort to have a fire-safe holiday season for the entire Nellis community.





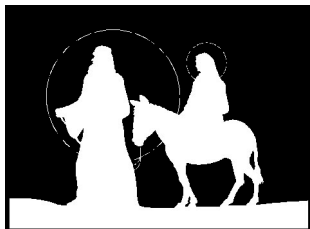
Holiday histories explained

By Chaplain Capt. Matthew Franke
and Master Sgt. Irene Moyle
99th Air Base Wing Chapel

Military personnel come from many faiths and cultures. Here is a brief history of some of the holidays celebrated during this time of the year.

Christmas

Christmas is the Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Christians believe



Jesus is the Son of God who has come into this world to save mankind from sin. It is a time of rejoicing and celebration.

Most of the Christmas story is recorded in the Bible, in the Gospels of Saint Luke and Saint Matthew. Mary and Joseph travel to the town of Bethlehem to be taxed. While there, Jesus was born in a stable. After the birth of Christ, a star appeared over the stable and led people to the baby Jesus. Twelve days after the birth the Magi, or Kings, arrived carrying gifts for the infant.

By the 12th century Christmas was the most important Christian celebration. It began as a solemn, religious celebration. Prayer and spirituality were emphasized over colorful theatrics. Soon nonreligious ideas of decorations, gift giving and feasting became popular. During the reformation of the English churches in the 16th century, some church leaders actually tried to outlaw Christmas. They believed the pagan ideas of evergreen, holly, mistletoe, gifts and special meals corrupted the meaning of the holy day. Over time, the nonreligious aspects reappeared and were incorporated into the more religious aspects of the holiday.

Hanukkah

The Jewish celebration of Hanukkah spans eight days and nights, starting on the 25th of Kislev on the Hebrew calendar. The holiday commemorates the rededication



of the holy Temple in Jerusalem after the Jewish victory over the Hellenist Syrians in 165 B.C. (Hanukkah is the Hebrew term for dedication.)

Following their victory, the Maccabees, sons of the priestly Hasmonean family that led the Jews in their revolt against the Syrian overlords, entered the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. Because the temple had been defiled by the Syrian invaders, they cleansed it and dedicated it anew to the service of God.

Temple lights burning for eight nights, lasting until new oil fit for use in the temple could be obtained. This miracle is commemorated in the kindling of the Hanukkah lights.

Ramadan

Celebrated by Muslims, Ramadan is a sacred month when Almighty Allah is constantly testing His creation and giving humanity the opportunity to achieve infinite, endless bliss.



During the month of Ramadan, Muslims fast from sunup to sundown. Fasting is a complete purification and a means to developing the consciousness of Allah's presence. The consciousness of Allah, Taqwa, is a protection against the schemes of Shaitan, and the suffering of this world.

Ramadan is actually a time of increased activity where the believer, now lightened of the burdens of constant eating and drinking, should be more willing to strive and struggle for Allah. Such was the month of Ramadan in the time of the Prophet. It was a time of purification, enjoining the good, forbidding evil, and striving hard with one's life and wealth. After the death of the Prophet, Muslims carried on this tradition and Allah used the true believers to affect the course of history.



Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa is a non-religious African-American holiday celebrating family, community and culture for seven days – December 26 to January 1. Dr. Maulana Karenga, professor and chairman of Black studies at California State University, Long Beach, created Kwanzaa in 1966. After the Watts riots in Los Angeles, he searched for ways to bring African-Americans together as a community. Karenga combined aspects of several different harvest celebrations, such as those of the Ashanti and those of the Zulu, to form the basis of Kwanzaa.

The name Kwanzaa is derived from the phrase "matunda ya kwanza" which means "first fruits" in Swahili. Celebrations often include songs and dances, African drums, storytelling, poetry reading, and a large traditional meal. On each of the seven nights, the family gathers and a child lights one of the candles on the Kinara (candleholder). Then one of the seven principles is discussed.

The principles of Kwanzaa, called the Nguzo Saba (seven principles in Swahili) are values of African culture that contribute to building and reinforcing community among African-Americans. Kwanzaa also has seven basic symbols which represent values and concepts reflective of African culture. An African feast, called a karamu, is held on December 31.



Warrior of the Week

Airman 1st Class Trina Parker



Unit: 99th Transportation Squadron

Duty Title: Inbound personal property clerk

Hometown: Frederick, Md.

Time in Air Force: 1 year and 8 months

Time at Nellis: 1 year and 2 months

Hobbies: Collecting unicorns, dancing and completing my degree in management information systems.

What's my favorite Air Force memory? Graduating from basic training and seeing my proud parents in the crowd.

If I could improve one thing on Nellis? I would find a way to motivate airmen with positive forms of appreciation.



Photo by Airman 1st Class James May III

Base housing decorations

Holiday decorations for those living in on-base housing are authorized for 30 days before and after a holiday. No decorations or lights may be placed on the roof, stucco, or metal fencing at any time. Lights must be turned off by 11 p.m. and remain off during daylight hours.





New system revolutionizes air battle management

By Chuck Paone
Electronic Systems Center
Public Affairs

HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE, Mass. (AFPN) — The Electronic Systems Center's efforts to provide warfighters a greater edge in battle received a strong boost recently when the Joint Configuration Control Board at the Pentagon made the Theater Battle Management Core Systems the system of record for air battle command and control.

The TBMCS combines three so-called legacy systems – the contingency theater air planning system, the combat intelligence system and the wing command and control system – into one integrated command and control system. A joint air operations center and its theater components will now have common and shared air operations and intelligence databases, as well as a common set of software tools for planning, executing and sustaining the air war campaign.

With this new system, air mission commanders, planners and warfighters can create, assimilate and manipulate data then quickly distribute those data to others

through wide- and local-area networks, servers and workstations. This keeps those at all echelons in a theater environment connected and focused on a common picture.

"TBMCS is a giant leap forward for command and control," said Col. David Chaffee, director of the Combat Air Forces System Program Office here, which serves as the acqui-

and ESC's Combat Air Forces System Program Office, and has provided warfighter insight during TBMCS development.

This is absolutely critical to the warfighter, said Col. Nathan Titus, 609th Air Operations Group commander, who used TBMCS extensively during a mid-November Central Command exercise

tised. I'd take it to war tomorrow."

LaBrie agreed Internal Look 00 provided a great test, but added TBMCS software has really been run through the gauntlet throughout its development.

"It's gone through more exhaustive testing than any other software probably ever has," he said. "If this software doesn't work, people can die, so we've been very thorough."

According to Titus, the system affords significantly improved compatibility with joint and allied systems. Army and Marine ground forces will now be able to submit and track air support requests until a target is destroyed. This type of integration between the joint air operations center and its components will allow land forces to participate in planning and executing an air war.

This is a significant enhancement widely expected to increase the effectiveness of joint warfare. The new system will also allow more detailed planning and allow it to be done faster and with fewer resources.

Fielding of TBMCS is already under way and is expected to be complete in all air operations centers by next spring, according to officials.

"It's a very stable system, which is exactly what we need, because war doesn't stop while we shut down and reboot."

**Col. Nathan Titus
609th Air Operations Group Commander**

sition and development oversight agent for the system. "Joint and coalition air component commanders will now have much better, decision-quality data to prosecute the war."

"We're creating a system that can orchestrate an entire air battle," said Senior Master Sgt. Maurice LaBrie of the Aerospace Command and Control Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Center. LaBrie serves as a liaison between the center at Langley Air Force Base, Va.,

called Internal Look 00.

"It's a very stable system, which is exactly what we need, because war doesn't stop while we shut down and reboot," Titus said.

The system got a real workout during the six-day exercise, he said.

"We had 800 people in the AOC, and we ran 80,000 messages a day through the system, and we flew 3,000 to 4,000 sorties a day," Titus said. "So we definitely wrung it out pretty good, and it worked as adver-



Photo by Airman 1st Class James May III

Calling cards

Mr. James Parsons, Veterans of Foreign Wars, hands Col. Del Eulberg, 99th Air Base Wing commander, calling cards donated by the local VFW chapter as 99th Air Base Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Michael Fusco and Mr. Frank Riswick, VFW, look on. Each year the VFW donates thousands of calling cards to the enlisted members of the Nellis community.

Natural Bodybuilding

Ms. Barbara Hoyt, Cubic Corp., Red Flag, does arm curls at the fitness center. Ms. Hoyt recently won Overall Women's champion in the Silver State Natural Bodybuilding competition held in Las Vegas.



Photo by Airman 1st Class James May III



Second enlisted member receives Medal of Honor

By Tech. Sgt. John Dendy IV
Air Force Print News

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Airman 1st Class William H. Pitsenbarger was posthumously awarded the nation's highest honor during a presentation ceremony at the U.S. Air Force Museum Dec. 8.

Airman Pitsenbarger, a pararescueman killed in action during the Vietnam War, becomes the service's second enlisted Medal of Honor recipient since the Air Force became a separate service in 1947.

The airman's father, Mr. William F. Pitsenbarger, and his wife, Alice, accepted the award from Secretary of the Air Force Whit Peters. The audience included battle survivors,

hundreds of pararescue airmen, a congressional representative and the Air Force chief of staff.

Airman Pitsenbarger was awarded the Medal of Honor for treating and protecting scores of wounded infantrymen — while under intense enemy fire and being mortally wounded himself — in a rain forest stronghold near the Vietnamese capital of Saigon in 1966.

His actions during the mission were initially recognized with a posthumous award of the Air Force Cross. That award is the military's second-highest for service members, and the highest award the Air Force can bestow.

Upon further review in the 1990s, a number of private citizens and fed-

eral officials successfully advocated that the Medal of Honor would more accurately characterize Pitsenbarger's heroism.

The medal is presented to its recipient on behalf of the president of the United States and in the name of Congress.

"After this mission is complete, the light of Airman Bill Pitsenbarger's valor will remain, reminding us of him and the sacrifices so many have made, that others may live," Secretary Peters said.

The Medal of Honor is awarded to individuals who, while serving in the U.S. armed services, distinguish themselves by conspicuous gallantry and courage at the risk of life, above and beyond the call of duty.



STEP

Col. Del Eulberg, 99th Air Base Wing commander, surprises Master Sgt. Kathryn Stevenson, 99th Security Forces Squadron, with new master sergeant stripes during the Security Forces Christmas party.



Holiday hours of operation

These facilities are open Christmas Eve, Dec. 24:

Bowling Center: noon to 5 p.m.

Dining facilities:

Mountain View Inn: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. to midnight

Red Horse Inn: 7 to 9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.

Golf Course: 7:30 a.m. to dusk, Pro Shop and Snack Bar, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Gun Club: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Library: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sports and Fitness Center: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Time Out Sports Bar & Grill: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

These facilities are closed Christmas Eve, Dec. 24:

Automotive Skills Center, Boys & Girls Club, Child Development Centers I and II, Community Center, Enlisted Club, Family Child Care, Officers' Club, Outdoor Recreation, Skills Development Center, Tickets & Tours and Veterinary Office

These facilities are open Christmas Day, Dec. 25:

Dining facilities:

Mountain View Inn: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. to midnight

Red Horse Inn: 7 to 9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.

These facilities are closed Christmas Day, Dec. 25:

Automotive Skills Center, Bowling Center, Boys & Girls Club, Child Development Centers I and II, Community Center, Enlisted Club, Family Child Care, Golf Course, Gun Club, Library, Officers' Club, Outdoor Recreation, Skills Development Center, Sports and Fitness Center, Tickets & Tours, Time Out Sports Bar & Grill and Veterinary Office

These facilities have a change of hours for the holidays:

Automotive Skills Center: open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 23

Community Center: closed Dec. 26 - 29

Crosswinds Inn: closed until Jan. 2

Officers' Club: closed Dec. 23 through Jan. 1, except for the New Year's Eve party in the Check 6 Lounge

Skills Development Center: closed Dec. 23



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Crosswinds closure

Crosswinds Dining Facility is temporarily closed for the holiday season. It re-opens for lunch Jan. 2. For more information, call the food service office at 652-7255.

Be a hero

Families can win a drive-to vacation getaway just for spending time together using a Services facility. To participate, pick up a "Hero" card at most Services facilities. Each time you use a designated program with your children you receive a stamp. Only five

stamps are needed to enter in the weekly drawing. Bonus stamps may be earned by using the www.servicity.com Web site. On Friday, the winner will receive a \$200 AT&T long-distance voucher. For more information, call the Services Marketing Department at 652-5655. *AT&T and Servicity sponsor the "Be a Hero" program.*

Red Cross

Due to the holidays, Red Cross volunteer orientation is not held until Jan 5. For more information, call the Red Cross office at 652-2106.

The Red Cross community first aid and safety course begins Wednesday in the Red Cross conference room in Bldg. 625 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The course includes adult CPR, infant and child CPR and first aid. Advance registration and payment of the course fee are mandatory. For more information, call the Red Cross at 652-2106.

Retirement ceremonies

The Nellis community is invited to the retirement ceremony of Lt. Col. Kevin Klingenberg, 99th Security Forces Squadron. The ceremony is

Jan. 5 at 10 a.m. at the Officers' Club.

Palace Chase briefing

The next Palace Chase Air Force Reserve briefing is Dec. 27 in Bldg. 20, room 202. For more information, call Customer Service at 652-9073.

Palace Front briefing

The next Palace Front Air Force Reserve briefing is 1 p.m. Thursday in Bldg. 20, room 319. For more information, call 652-4806 or 652-9423.

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Dog obedience class

Dog obedience classes begin Jan. 11 and run Thursdays for 7 weeks starting at 6 p.m. Cost is \$25 and dog must be at least 3 months old. First class is for handlers only. For more information, call the Community Center at 652-9307.

Ski at Brian Head

Ski at Brian Head, Utah, with Tickets & Tours ski trips Saturday, Jan. 6 and 20, Feb. 3 and March 17. There are six lifts and a total of 53 trails. Bus leaves approximately 4 a.m. from Bldg. 625 and leaves from Brian Head at 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$70 per person and includes lift ticket. Ski rentals are not included in the price. Outdoor Recreation rentals are available. Call Tickets & Tours for deadlines and travel information, 652-2192.

Housing information

Customers can now call the Housing Office at 652-1840 and find out information using the new automated attendant system. Information available on the housing waiting list includes the approximate waiting time and where you are on the BAH waiting list. Callers can be transferred to a specific counselor, update a housing application, list a house for rent or sale, and more. Phone numbers for other agencies, such as the Facility Improvement Center, Lodging, Nellis Cable and Clark County Animal Control, are also available. To avoid unnecessary delays, any time during a message a caller can press the zero button and be transferred to the main reception desk.

Ongoing classes

Students and adults can take Tae Kwon Do, Kung Fu and

dance classes at the Boys & Girls Club. Children ages 3-12 may also take gymnastics. For costs or schedule information, call Mr. Reese Davis at 652-9307.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop closed Dec. 14 and reopens Jan. 22.

Football Frenzy

All football fans are welcome to the Officers' Club, Enlisted Club or time Out Sports Bar & Grill for Air Combat Command's Football Frenzy 2000. Club members are eligible to win prizes by watching Monday Night Football. Winners must be club members.

Family swap meet

The Nellis Boys & Girls Club swap meet is Jan. 6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Center Dock. Reserve a table for \$15 by calling 652-9307.

Langley releases F-16 crash report

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (ACCNS)—Air Force investigators have determined that pilot error was the cause of an Air Force Reserve F-16C crash four miles north of Tulia, Texas, Aug. 28. The pilot, assigned to 301st Fighter Wing, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas was killed in the crash.

According to the accident investigation report released Wednesday, the pilot was performing unauthorized aerobatics over the property of his parents-in-law when the crash occurred.

The aircraft impacted the ground on the property of his parents-in-law. The pilot made no attempt to eject from the aircraft.



Nellis Living

Base Theater 652-5020

Show times

Unless otherwise indicated, all show times are 7 p.m. with Saturday matinees at 1 p.m. To subscribe to the e-mail mail list, send your requests to angel1m@lvcm.com.

Today
Book of Shadows,
Blair Witch 2 (R)
Jeffery Donovan,
Erica Leerhsen

Saturday, Sunday
The Contender (R)
Joan Allen, Jeff
Bridges

Monday
Woman on Top (R)
Penelope Cruz, Murilo
Benicio

**** The theater is
closed Tuesday and
Wednesday.****

Chapel 652-2950

Chapel holiday schedule

Protestant:
Sunday - Christmas Cantata 8 and 11:15 a.m.
Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7 and 9 p.m.
Jewish :
Dec. 22 - Hanukkah begins at sundown
Catholic:
Tuesday - Penance Service 7 p.m.
Dec. 24 - Mass 9:45 a.m.
No 12:30 p.m. Mass
Christmas Schedule
Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Children's Mass 5 p.m.; Christmas Eve Midnight Mass 11 p.m.
Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Mass 9:45 a.m.
No 12:30 p.m. Mass
Jan. 1 - No Mass

Weekly schedule: Catholic worship

Mass: Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m.

Saturday: Reconciliation, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.

Sunday: Mass, 9:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Protestant worship

Sunday: Gospel service, 8 a.m. Traditional service, 11:15 a.m.

Classes/Activities

Religious education

Catholic religious education classes for ages 3 through 12th grade are Sundays from 8:20 to 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. For more information, call 652-5953.

RCIA, for any adult interested in becoming a Catholic, is Sundays at 1:45 p.m. in the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 651-6587.

Protestant religious education classes (18 months to adult) are Sundays from 9:35 to 10:50 a.m. For more information, call 652-7950.

Young Adult Ministry (formerly Singles) meets Tuesdays 6 to 7:15 p.m. in the Chapel Annex. New study begins Tuesday. For more information, call 644-6568.

Men of the Chapel meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel basement.

Protestant Youth of the Chapel meets Sundays at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel basement.

Widows in the Neighborhood monthly activities include lunches, local tours and attending performances. For more information, call 459-1324 or 453-4858.

Bible study is Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 459-1324 or 453-4858.

Christian Military Fellowship joins Officers'

Christian Fellowship in providing weekly bible studies to all ranks. To find one near you, call 656-8707.

Bowling Center 652-2160

Free bowling special

Bring your parents and bowl free! Youth ages 17 and under can bowl free by bringing their parents to the Bowling Center Mondays through Fridays, Dec. 18-29 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parents pay regular price.

Community Center 652-5014

Rent a Santa suit

Santa suits are available for rental at the Community Center. Cost is \$20 a day and includes belt, boot covers, wig, beard and white gloves.

Family Support Center 652-3327

Are you fiscally fit?

Come to *In and Out Budget*. This class is held Mondays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Bring your pay statements, receipts, checkbook, bills and a calculator. Help will be provided completing the financial readiness forms. Then sign up for a free financial check-up.

Job search

Come to *Job Search in Las Vegas* Tuesday 9 to 11 a.m. and see how the Career Focus Program can help with resumes, interviewing techniques and networking. Register for the computerized job bank. Call 652-3327 to register.

Welcome to Nellis

This class is offered Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet other newcomers, learn about the local community, take a bus tour of Nellis and have a free lunch courtesy of Burger King. Child care is provided compliments of the Officers Spouses' Club. Call now for reservations.

Predeployment info

Briefings are Wednesdays from 2 to 3 p.m. This briefing is designed to help members of the Nellis community prepare for a deployment and remote assignment. It also includes the Hearts Apart Morale Call program registration. Spouses are invited and encouraged to attend.

Golf Course 652-2602

Sale

Through Dec. 24 all clothing, clubs, bags and shoes are 15 percent off at Sunrise Vista Golf Course's pro shop. This is excluding items already on sale. Some merchandise will be up to 30 percent off.

HAWC 653-3375

Pace

This class is an arthritis activity designed to sustain and improve joint mobility, tone muscles, improve posture and relaxation through gentle, voluntary exercise in a fun group setting. Participants will be screened to determine their level of arthritis. The class is Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. at the HAWC.

Massage therapy

Massage therapy has many health benefits. It is a great stress management tool, can reduce blood pressure and increase circulation. The Health and Wellness Center offers full-body massage and back-rub therapy by a nationally certified therapist. Appointments are available Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Schedule an appointment by calling the HAWC.

Nellis Boys & Girls Club 652-9307

Fine arts contest

The National Fine Arts exhibit provides the opportunity to display art locally and a chance to exhibit nationally. The

photography contest creates an outlet for national recognition. Ages 18 and under may participate. All entries must be in by Dec. 29. For more information, call Mr. Reese Davis or Ms. Rosetta Robinson at 652-9307.

Teen Green program

Nellis Boys & Girls Club accepts referrals for any odd jobs in the Nellis community. Teens 13 through 18 can get a job doing these odd jobs by calling Ms. Cindy Berg at 652-9307.

Congressional award

Young adults ages 14 through 23 can receive this award by achieving goals in personal development, volunteering in public service, physical fitness and expedition and exploration. Next meeting is Jan. 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club. Call for more information.

Outdoor Recreation 652-8967

Zion National Park

Zion's trip on Dec. 26 will include a stop at the visitors' center, then a tour of the park. Tour stops at St. George, Utah, before returning to Nellis between 5 and 7 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person.

Skills Development Center 652-2849

Scrapbook workshop

Come in and work on a scrapbook that will preserve family photos and memorabilia. Classes are Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$6 for novices and \$3 for those with experience. Adults and children 10 and up can participate.

Veterinary Office 652-2230

Pet care

Nevada climate is dry both winter and summer. Pets may have problems with itching and scratching. Be sure to use only veterinary shampoos, because human shampoos can add to the problem.